

PRECISE ERROR REPORTING

Abstract

5 A method is provided for the precise reporting of errors in a flow of
successive messages. The method includes detecting a transmission error in a
message and then deferring the reporting of the transmission error. The
method defers the reporting of the transmission error by saving a sequence
number for the message and by setting a deferred error flag in a state saved
10 for the flow. The method processes the deferred transmission error when it
receives an acknowledgement that completes an immediately preceding
message in the flow. When a positive acknowledgement is received, the
deferred transmission error is reported. When a negative acknowledgement is
received, the deferred transmission error is ignored and a remote error is
15 reported.

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